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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Canadian Office Action dated August 15, 2008 with respect to patent family member Canadian Patent Application No. 2628864, and a Canadian Office Action dated August 15, 2008 with respect to patent family member Canadian Patent Application No. 2,358,770 in which the following document was cited:

(1) CA 2243360.

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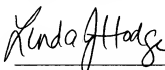
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted document is attached hereto, and is listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Canadian Office Actions are also attached hereto. The Examiner is

requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Final Office Action, Applicants have included herewith payment in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Applicants furthermore certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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